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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2620-005; South Carolina]

Lockhart Power Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 27, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the Lockhart Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on the Broad River, near the town of Lockhart, in Union, Chester, York, and Cherokee counties, South Carolina. No federal lands or facilities are occupied or used by the project.

On June 25, 1999, the Commission staff issued a draft environmental assessment (DEA) for the project and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 30 days. Comments on the DEA were filed and are addressed in the final environmental assessment (FEA) for the project.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans, EPA ICR No. 0328.08, OMB Control No. 2050-0021, expiring December 31, 1999. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge from the U.S. EPA, Oil Program Center, 401 M Street, SW (5203G), Washington, D.C. 20460. Materials relevant to this ICR may be inspected from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays), by visiting the Public Docket, located at 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway (ground floor), Arlington, Virginia 22202. The docket number for this notice is SPCC-11. The telephone number for the Public Docket is (703) 603-9232. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying docket material. Comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection notice should be addressed to the Public Docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hugo Paul Fleischman, (703) 603-8769. Facsimile number: (703) 603-9116. Electronic address: fleischman.hugo@epa.gov. Note that questions concerning the notice, but not comments will be accepted electronically. As noted above, comments should be sent to the Public Docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected Entities

The Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulation applies only to non-transportation-related facilities that could reasonably

be expected to discharge oil into or upon the navigable waters of the U.S., or adjoining shorelines, and that have: (1) A total underground buried oil storage capacity of more than 42,000 gallons; or (2) a total aboveground oil storage capacity of more than 660 gallons in a single container.

The specific private industry sectors expected to be affected by this action include: (1) Petroleum and coal products manufacturing (NAICS 324); (2) petroleum bulk stations and terminals (NAICS 42271); (3) crude petroleum and natural gas extraction (NAICS 21111); (4) transportation (including pipelines), warehousing, and marinas (NAICS 482-486/488112-48819/4883/4889/492-493/71393); (5) electric power generation, transmission, and distribution (NAICS 2211); (6) other manufacturing (NAICS 31-33); (7) gasoline stations/automotive rental and leasing (NAICS 4471/5321); (8) heating oil dealers (NAICS 454311); (9) coal mining, non-metallic mineral mining and quarrying (NAICS 2121/2123/213114/213116); (10) heavy construction (NAICS 234); (11) elementary and secondary schools, colleges (NAICS 6111-6113); (12) hospitals/nursing and residential care facilities (NAICS 622-623); and (13) crop and animal production (NAICS 111-112).

Title: "Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans," OMB Control Number 2050-0021. EPA Control Number 328.08. Expiration date: December 31, 1999.

Abstract

Under section 311 of the Clean Water Act, EPA's SPCC regulation requires facilities to prepare and implement SPCC Plans to help "minimize the potential for oil discharges." This regulation is codified at 40 CFR part 112. The SPCC Plan must be "a carefully thought-out plan, prepared in accordance with good engineering practices." Preparation of the SPCC Plan requires that a facility's staff analyze how the facility will prevent oil discharges, thereby encouraging appropriate facility design and operations. The information in the SPCC Plan also promotes efficient response in the event of a discharge. Finally, proper maintenance of the SPCC Plan will promote important spill-reducing measures, facilitate leak detection, and generally ensure that the facility is at peak capability for deterring discharges. The specific activities and reasons for the information collection are described below.